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Viewing cable 09STATE124113, S) IRAN SEEKING MACHINE TOOL ASSISTANCE FROM TAIWANS ROUNDTOP

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09STATE124113	2009-12-03 21:27	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Secretary of State

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SUBJECT: (S) IRAN SEEKING MACHINE TOOL ASSISTANCE FROM TAIWANS ROUNDTOP

REF: A. AIT TAIPEI 001102 B. STATE 034030 C. AIT TAIPEI 000226 D. 08 STATE 066110 E. 08 TAIWAN 001374 F. 07 STATE 149633 G. 07 AIT TAIPEI 00243

Classified By: ISN/MTR DIRECTOR PAM DURHAM REASONS 1.4 (B), (C) AND (D).

¶1. This is an action request. AIT Taipei, please see paragraph 4.

¶2. (S) Background: For many years, we have raised with Taiwan our concerns regarding exports by Roundtop Machinery Industries Company that pos

¶3. (S) We now would like to share with Taiwan authorities information that in October 2009, Irans Machine Sazi Tabriz requested that Roundtop

¶4. (S) Action Request: Request AIT Taipei approach appropriate officials to deliver talking points/non-paper in paragraph 5 below and report r

¶5. (S) Begin talking points/non-paper:

(SECRET REL TAIWAN)

-- We would like to alert you to information of potential proliferation concern and request your assistance in investigating this activity.

-- On a number of occasions, we have raised with you our concerns regarding computer numerically controlled (CNC) machine tool exports to Iran

-- During our February 2009 meetings in Taipei and September 2009 meetings in Washington on the U.S.-Taiwan "Gameplan," you informed us that yc

-- To assist your investigation of this firm, we would like to share with you information that in October 2009, Irans Machine Sazi Tabriz was r

-- We understand that the machine in need of repair was supplied by Roundtop to Machine Sazi Tabriz possibly in early 2006.

-- We believe this machine, which is controlled by the Wassenaar Arrangement if sold in a 5-axis configuration, would be suitable for performir

-- Machine Sazi Tabriz is the largest machine tool manufacturer in Iran and likely supplies some imported machine tools to Irans nuclear and ba

-- We urge you to investigate this activity and ask that you require an export license for Roundtop to provide replacement parts and repair ser

-- We believe any license related to this activity should be closely scrutinized to ensure that such equipment is not being used to support wea

-- We look forward to continuing cooperation on export control and nonproliferation issues and would appreciate hearing the results of your inv